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# JuiceBox Energy Partners with San José through City's Innovative Demonstration Partnership Program

Gardner Community Center receives installation of solar energy storage to reduce energy costs and gain reliable emergency backup power

**SAN JOSE, CA** - Cheaper and more reliable energy through stored renewable solar power has come to the Gardner Community Center in San José as a result of an innovative Demonstration Partnership Program between the City of San José, JuiceBox Energy, Inc., and Prospect Silicon Valley.

"This Demonstration Partnership project is an 18-month pilot program created by San José to take innovations and smart product ideas and plug them into networks and places where cutting-edge technologies are tested and developed for market," said Teri Killgore, Civic Innovation Manager for the City of San José. "JuiceBox is the first of five projects that will roll-out under the City's innovation initiative and aligns with Mayor Sam Liccardo's SmartCity focus."

JuiceBox Energy installed an energy storage system at the community center that connects with the center's rooftop solar panels. It reduces Gardner's electric bills by storing excess solar energy generated during the day that is used later in the evening when lower off-peak energy rates are in effect.

The JuiceBox system also provides a reliable source of clean, renewable backup power in the event of a grid outage, which helps secure a practical location where local residents can gather for news, support, and emergency services if necessary.

"We're thrilled to support the Gardner Community Center and the residents of San José who depend on this center for both daily and emergency usage," said Neil Maguire, CEO of JuiceBox Energy. "Through the City's innovative Demonstration Partnership Program, San José has taken an important step forward in establishing a green, resilient grid and demonstrates that JuiceBox Energy Storage is an excellent choice for a safe, reliable and powerful energy storage system."

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The company manufactures an 8.6 kWh lithium-ion energy storage system, and it is installing systems through a nationwide network of solar installers that are bringing the advanced web-connected system to residential and small commercial buildings. The system is capable of remote monitoring and control, and it can participate in grid services such as utility demand response and frequency regulation programs for a stable, reliable grid.

JuiceBox Energy started in the TechShop in San José, which also offers a place for community members to learn a wide range of practical skills such as woodworking, welding, soldering, and electronics. Prospect Silicon Valley supported the project, which is located at the San José Environmental Innovation Center. Prospect Silicon Valley opened in October 2014 to support and demonstrate the development of innovative technologies and products.

"We're proud to partner with JuiceBox Energy to increase our renewable energy capabilities and at the same time support a local technology company that is creating clean tech jobs here in Silicon Valley," said Chris Burton, Senior Business Development Manager for the San José Office of Economic Development. "JuiceBox is leading the way to a greener, sustainable future while showing their commitment to our community today."

The Gardner Community Center, a facility owned by the San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, is located at 520 West Virginia Street in San José. It is home to community services including an active senior program and a Boys and Girls Club.

# About JuiceBox Energy, Inc.

Founded in 2013, JuiceBox Energy is committed to providing safe, reliable, intelligent and connected energy storage systems for renewable energy. JuiceBox systems are designed to support consumer self-consumption and enable a resilient, renewable energy grid in order to power a cleaner, sustainable planet. For more information, visit <a href="www.juiceboxsolar.com">www.juiceboxsolar.com</a> and follow us on Twitter: @juiceboxsolar.

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# About the City of San José

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